

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN RAMOS,

Defendant.

No. 07-30135-DRH

ORDER

HERNDON, Chief Judge:

Pending before the Court is defendant's pleading titled "Non negotiable Notice of Acceptance" that the Clerk of the Court filed as a motion for miscellaneous relief (Doc. 60). After reviewing the pleading, it is not clear to the Court exactly what defendant is seeking or attempting to achieve through this document. It appears that Ramos is attempting to pay off the remainder of his fine and special assessment of \$1,100 with this document by creating his own money order. Based on the following, the Court **DISMISSES** for lack of jurisdiction defendant's motion.

Once a district court enters final judgment it lacks jurisdiction to continue to hear related issues, except to the extent authorized by statute or rule. *See Carlisle v. United States*, 517 U.S. 416 (1996). The following post-judgment motions are allowed if timely filed. Under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 35, revision is

proper only within 7 days, unless the prosecutor files an appropriate motion or the court of appeals remands. Further, a Rule 33 motion for new trial based on evidence must be brought within 3 years after the verdict and a Rule 33 motion for new trial based on other grounds must be brought within 7 days after the verdict. Lastly, a collateral attack under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 which has a 1 year statute of limitations.


Here, Ramos does not cite any case law or statute which allows the Court to consider his motion. Rule 35 is inapplicable because his motion is brought over 5 years *after* the sentencing and Judgment (January 9, 2009); the motion does not appear to be brought to correct the sentence arithmetical, technical or other clear error and the government has not filed a motion to reduce. Likewise, Rule 33 does not apply because the motion does not appear to be brought on newly discovered evidence and it was not filed within 7 days of the verdict to be timely to be brought based on other reasons. Therefore, the only other possible procedural avenue that Ramos could bring this motion is a § 2255 collateral attack. Based on the case law, the Court must treat a post-judgment motion as a collateral attack if it meets the description of § 2255. *See Romandine v. United States*, 206 F.3d 731 (7th Cir. 2000). After reviewing the pleadings, the Court does not think that Ramos intends to pursue a collateral attack.¹

¹ In the event that Ramos wishes to file a collateral attack as to this criminal case, the Court advises Ramos to consult 28 U.S.C. § 2255, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Court's Local Rules on how to properly file such a petition.

Because the Court finds that Ramos' motion/pleading does not fall under any of the exceptions authorized by statute or rule, the Court lacks jurisdiction to entertain the motion. Accordingly, the Court dismisses for lack of jurisdiction Ramos' motion (Doc. 60).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 23rd day of April, 2014.

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**Chief Judge
United States District Judge**